

ASHMOLE OF LICHFIELD, STAFFS

ARMS:*Quarterly sable and or in I a fleur-de-lis or (*1686)

CREST: (1) A greyhound courant sable (2) On a mount vert the god Mercury with the celestial sign Gemini sitting at his feet

In the 1663 pedigree (?inserted in a Visitation book) Elias Ashmole gives his earliest ancestor as John Ashmole of Elford, Staffs. c1532 FAS lists no families of the name of Ashmole but does list two families named Carter at Elford one of which is headed by a John Carter (with two wives Isabel and Elizabeth) and five children Alice, Elizabeth, Edward, John and Catherine. Elias names his grandparents as Thomas Ashmole [ALIAS Cater] (twice Chief Bailiff of Lichfield) and Anne Hand. Their marriage appears to have taken place on 28 Jan 1575.6 at Lichfield St Mary. Two years later one Thomas Ashmole married 28 Jul 1578 at Lichfield St Mary to Ann Bowyer. If in fact Elias confused these two marriages it would permit Thomas Ashmole of Lichfield, Staffs corvisor 1576-1624 (below) to have been born to Thomas and Ann Hand. The date of christening of Thomas Ashmole ALIAS Cater's first child Elizabeth (11 Oct 1579) permits her mother to have been Ann Bowyer. Some account of the other local Ashmoles is given below. The whole needs careful rechecking against primary sources. I am indebted to W.R.A. Woodward for supplying much useful ancillary information.

John Ashmole of Elford, Staffs c1516-
(and see below)
chn: Thomas Ashmole below

Thomas Ashmole (ALIAS Cater) of Lichfield, Staffs saddler c1546-1621

m1 [but see note above] 28 Jan 1575.6 Lichfield St Mary: Ann Hand OR Hunt; i as wife of Mr. Thomas 26 Feb 1612.3 St Michael, Lichfield

m2 ? 7 Oct 1615 St Michael, Lichfield: Joan Gesson

i as Mr Thomas A. alias Cater 11 Jan 1620.1 St Michael, Lichfield
(Sheriff, Lichfield) 1593; (Bailiff, Lichfield) 1598 1604

chn: Elizabeth Ashmole c 11 Oct 1579 Lichfield St Mary; m 24 Nov 1600 St Mary,
Lichfield: Thomas Barker of Lichfield, Staffs; (and had chn: Thomas)

Margaret Ashmole c 13 Feb ?1580.1 Lichfield St Mary; m 10 Oct 1604

Lichfield St Mary: Richard Read of Stafford

Ann Ashmole c 26 Mar ?1583 Lichfield St Mary; m 14 Feb 1602.3 St Mary,
Lichfield: Richard Walthall of Stafford

[?] Jane Ashmole c 16 Feb 1596 [?1586], Lichfield

Simon Ashmole [1] b 18 May ?1589; c as Simon Cater son of Thomas Cater 19 May
?1589, Lichfield below

[?] Edward Ashmole c as son of Mr. Thomas 3 Feb 1598.9 St Michael, Lichfield;
i 15 Feb 1598.9 St Michael, Lichfield

John Ashmole [2] b c1591 further below

Thomas Ashmole [3] b c1593 further below

Margery Ashmole m William Bowyer of Upholland, Lancs gentleman

Ralph Ashmole [4] c as son of Mr. 16 May 1601 Lichfield St Mary further below

Frances Ashmole d young

Joyce Ashmole i as dau of Mr. Thomas 11 Feb 1609.10 St Michael, Lichfield

.[dau]. Ashmole c unnamed dau 26 May 1602, Lichfield

Simon Ashmole of Lichfield, Staffs saddler ?1589-1634

b 18 May ?1589; c as Simon Cater son of Thomas Cater 19 May ?1589, Lichfield
m Ann Bowyer dau of Anthony Bowyer of Coventry, Warwicks c1552-.... QV; d (c8 Jul)
1646

d 22 Jun 1634

(a soldier in Ireland and on the Continent)

chn: Elias Ashmole b 23 May 1617 Lichfield; ; c 2 Jun 1617 Lichfield St Mary below

Elias Ashmole of Lichfield, Staffs Esquire 1617-1692

b 23 May 1617 Lichfield; c 2 Jun 1617 Lichfield St Mary

m1 27 Mar 1638 St Benet Paul's Wharf, London: Eleanor Mainwaring 1st dau of Peter Mainwaring
of Smallwood, Cheshire; b 7 May 1603 [JOSTEN]; d 6 Dec 1641 Smallwood; i 8 Dec 1641 Astbury

m2 16 Nov 1649 "Silverstreet Church" ?London: Mary Forster only dau of Sir William Forster of
Aldermaston, Bucks K.B.; b 28 Dec 1597; m1 Sir Edward Stafford of Bradfield, Berks c1592-1623;

m2 John Hamlyn c1592-1633; m3 Sir Thomas Mainwaring (Master of Chancery) c1600-1646; d 1 Apr 1668
m3 3 Nov 1668 Lincoln's Inn Chapel: Elizabeth Dugdale dau of Sir William Dugdale of Blythe Hall, Warwicks Knight 1605-1686 QV; b 6 May 1632; m2 1 Sep 1693 [VIS]: John Reynolds of Lambeth stonemason; (but had no chn); d 4 Apr 1701
d 18 (OR 19) May 1692 South Lambeth; i 26 May 1692 St Mary, Lambeth [M.I.]

(educ. Lichfield GS); (enrolled Freeman, Company of Saddlers etc, Lichfield) 1 Mar 1633; (adm. Clement's Inn) Feb 1640; (a Royalist); (studied physics and mathematics at Brasenose, Oxford) ? 1644; (Commr. of Excise, Staffs & Lichfield) 27 May 1644; (Commr. of Excise, Captain of Horse, Comptroller of Ordnance, Worcester) ?1645; (Freemason) 1646; (as Esq., son and heir of Simon Ashmole of Leichfield, Staffs gent. deceased, adm. Middle Temple) 9 Nov 1657 [MT]; (called to the bar) 2 Nov 1660 [MT]; (Windsor Herald) 1660; (aged 45, "of the Middle Temple, London, Esq. and Windsor Herald at Armes" entered a pedigree) 30 Mar *1663; (D.Med. by diploma) 2 Nov 1669; (held several government appointments); (presented his collection of curiosities to Oxford University to which he subsequently bequeathed his library) 1677 and 1682; (M.D., Oxford) 1690; (wrote or edited antiquarian and Rosicrucian works) [DNB] [SIMMS]
chn: Ashmole b stillborn cMay 1640

John Ashmole of Newcastle, Staffs saddler c1591-1652
b c1591 2nd son of Thomas Ashmole (ALIAS Cater) of Lichfield, Staffs saddler c1546-1621 QV
m [? 3 Apr 1627 St Michael, Lichfield: Margaret Smith]
i 17 Feb 1651.2 Newcastle
chn: John Ashmole [1] b c1628 ?below
 Sarah Ashmole c 1 Mar 1629 Newcastle
 Ann Ashmole c 3 Apr 1631 Newcastle
 Jane Ashmole c 8 Nov 1635 Newcastle
 William Ashmole [2] b c1648; (app. to Mr Clothier saddler, by Elias Ashmole) 25 Nov 1653
 Thomas Ashmole [3]

John Ashmole of Newcastle, Staffs c1628-
m1 6 Jan 1651.2 Allesley, Warwicks: Elizabeth Walker
m2 20 Nov 1683 St James Duke Place, London: Margaret Palmer
chn: Elizabeth Ashmole c 25 Nov 1652 Newcastle
 Mary Ashmole i 20 Feb 1654.5 Newcastle
 Elias Ashmole b 15 May 1654; c 4 Jun 1654 Newcastle; i 30 Dec 1655 Newcastle
 Elias Ashmole b 28 Jun 1658; c 18 Jul 1658; i 9 Apr 1659 Newcastle
 Bridget Ashmole c Mar 1659.60 Newcastle
 Joseph Ashmole c 4 Feb 1669.70 St Botolph without Aldgate, London
 Matthew Ashmole c 20 Oct 1671 St Botolph without Aldgate, London

Thomas Ashmole of Tamworth, Staffs c1593-?1650
b c1593 3rd son of Thomas Ashmole (ALIAS Cater) of Lichfield, Staffs saddler c1546-1621 QV
[? m as Mr. 7 Mar 1614.5, Lichfield: "Mrs Anne Cooke"]
m Dorcas Hill dau of Edward Hill of The Charter House, near Coventry, Warwicks; c 31 Aug 1595 Fillongley, Warwicks; i 1659
[? i 18 May 1650 Tamworth]
chn: [?] Joan Ashmole c as dau of Mr. Thomas 25? Mar 1619, Lichfield
 [?] Edward Ashmole c as son of Mr. Thomas 29 Jan 1621, Lichfield; [? m]; (and had chn: Edward c 27 May 1653, Lichfield)]
 John Ashmole c 2 Sep 1624 Tamworth
 Edward Ashmole c 2 Oct 1625 Tamworth
 Dorcas Ashmole c 15 Oct 1629 Tamworth
 Amphyllis c 30 Sep 1630 Tamworth; i 7 Jan 1630.1 Tamworth
 Mary Ashmole c 26 Jan 1631.2 Tamworth
 Sarah Ashmole c 16 May 1633 Tamworth; m Thompson; (and had chn: William b 18 Jul 1677)

Ralph Ashmole of Banbury, Oxon 1601-1675
c as son of Mr. 16 May 1601 Lichfield St Mary yr son of Thomas Ashmole (ALIAS Cater)

of Lichfield, Staffs saddler c1546-1621 QV
m 15 Apr 1627 Banbury: Ann Bentley dau of Robert Bentley of Banbury, Oxon mercer; i 7
Sep 1643 Banbury
d 29 Oct 1675
(of London); (occurs) 1663
chn: Matilda Ashmole c 25 Jan 1629 Banbury
Elizabeth Ashmole c 7 Mar 1630 Banbury; i 1644 Banbury
Ann Ashmole c 24 Jul 1631 Banbury; i Apr 1644 Banbury
Mary Ashmole c 11 Aug 1633 Banbury; i 1644 Banbury
Thomas Ashmole c 8 Feb 1635 Banbury; i 29 Jan 1636 Banbury
Robert Ashmole c 6 Nov 1636 Banbury; i 10 Dec 1636 Banbury
Matthew Ashmole c 28 Feb 1641 Banbury; [? i 1644 Banbury]

John Ashmole of Elford, Staffs saddler c1512-1606
m ? Margery
i 6 Jun 1606 St Michael, Lichfield
chn: [?] Nicholas Ashmole b c1542 ?below
[?] John Ashmole b c1545 ?below
[?] Thomas Ashmole b c1546 ?above OR below
Joan Ashmole m 28 Jan 1581 Elford: George Ward; d 1604
Humphrey Ashmole m 1 Dec 1588 Elford: Jane Carter dau of William Carter (of
Elford, Staffs); (and had chn: John c 26 Feb 1588.9 Elford): She c 30 Jun 1566 Elford:
He (??? ancestor of ASHMOLE OF LAPWORTH, WARWICKS)
[?] Elizabeth Ashmole i 13 Sep 1571, Lichfield

Nicholas Ashmole c1542-
m 23 Jan 1571.2 Lichfield St Mary: Margery Byrket
i 26 OR 27 Jun 1586 OR 1596 Lichfield St Mary

John Ashmole c1545-
m 29 Jan 1574.5, Lichfield: Ursula Smith
chn: John Ashmole c 14 Jan 1575.6, Lichfield
Robert Ashmole c 1 Jul 1590 [?1580], Lichfield

Thomas Ashmole c1546-
m1
m2 [but see note above] 28 Jul 1578 Lichfield St Mary: Ann Bowyer
chn: Thomas Ashmole c 9 Dec 1576 Lichfield St Mary ?below

Thomas Ashmole of Lichfield, Staffs corvisor 1576-1624
c 9 Dec 1576 Lichfield St Mary
m 23 Nov 1602 Lichfield St Mary: Joan Wood dau of Francis Wood; c 3 Aug 1582 St
Mary, Lichfield; i 9 Jun 1615 St Michael, Lichfield
i 31 Jan 1624 St Michael, Lichfield; Will (...) [abstract below]
(leased land in Bury hill, Lichfield from Richard Dyott) 1619 [ERDESWICK (1844) 310]
chn: Thomas Ashmole c 25 Dec 1603 Lichfield St Mary below
William Ashmole c 13 Oct 1605 Lichfield St Mary; m 29 Sep 1626,
Lichfield: Elizabeth Taylor; [? of Mackworth, Derbys]
Robert Ashmole c 17 Jan 1607.8 Lichfield St Mary
John Ashmole c 21 Mar 1609.10 Lichfield St Mary
Francis Ashmole c 1 Mar 1611.2, Lichfield; i 28 ... 1612 St Michael,
Lichfield
Richard Ashmole c 16 OR 21 Jul 1614 Lichfield St Mary; m Alice Heathcote; (and
had chn: Richard c 1 Feb 1637.8, Lichfield, William c 31 Jan 1640,
Lichfield); d c1646
George Ashmole c 3 Oct 1616 Lichfield St Mary
Joan Ashmole c 25 Mar 1618.9 Lichfield St Mary
Edward Ashmole c 29 Jan 1621.2 St Mary Lichfield; m (settlement, 1644) Alice
Keeling dau of John Keeling

"his lease and tithe to a tenement in Sadlers Street to his son Thomas. His son John got another tenement near St. Mary's Church in Lichfield. He gave his son William a barn in Baker's Lane. His son Edward received two acres of arable land in Byrrihill. His daughter Joan also received two acres of arable land in a field called Boley. His son Robert got twelve pence. His son George got 7 acres of arable land in Sandfield and Burrowstopfield. Other land and property was divided between his sons William, John and Richard. His wife Joan received the tenement in which they were living. This would go to his son Edward after his wife died. The household goods went to his children Edward George and Joan, the latter also getting a barn and a backside in Frog Lane. "

Thomas Ashmole of Lichfield, Staffs merchant 1603-1674

c 25 Dec 1603 Lichfield St Mary

m 12 Jan 1627 Lichfield St Mary: Margaret Lynton; [? i as wife of Thomas A. deceased

1 Feb 1635, Lichfield]:

i 11 Mar 1673.4 Lichfield St Michael; Will (...)/4 Apr 1674

(Sheriff, Lichfield) 1638

(Junior Bailiff, Lichfield) 1643 1646

(Senior Bailiff, Lichfield) 1651 1660

(as Mr, 4 hearths, Conduit & Dam Street, Lichfield St Mary) 1666 HT

(Clic Mercat) 1670

chn: Thomas Ashmole c 11 Oct 1629 Lichfield

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*1614/64; *1664/1700; IGI; [JOSTEN] Josten, C.H. (Ed.) ELIAS ASHMOLE (1617-1692) 5v. OUP (1966); Plot's Map 7a
